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Optical Multi-Gate Device and Method

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 23, 2004, Applicant submits this Amendment and Response. Applicant also submits herewith, a petition for a three-month extension of time and the appropriate extension-of-time fee. Applicant believes that no additional fees are due, but in the event that additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such additional fees to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

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